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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH ROEL: PETROLEUM MATTERS

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1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ROEL THIS MORNING I NOTED THAT NOW, FOLLOWING THE HOUSE/SENATE JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION ON THE GAS PRICE SECTION OF THE ENERGY BILL, IS THE TIME TO RESUME GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TALKS ON THE GAS CONTRACT. ROEL STARTED TO TELL ME THAT MEXICO WOULD USE THE GAS INTERNALLY, BUT I POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE ALL AWARE OF MEXICO'S GAS PRODUCTION AND ITS SURPLUS. ROEL AGREED THAT I SHOULD DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN APPOINTMENT. THE APPOINTMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT I EXPECT TO MEET WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. ROEL ALSO CONFIRMED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FOUR-PARTY OIL SWAP IS DEAD. HE GAVE NO REASON FOR THE FAILURE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. LUCEY

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